

Galileans threaten strike

NAZARETH, July 29 (R). — The Arab Mayor of Nazareth, Tawfiq Zayed, has said he will call a general strike in the town next month to protest against Israeli government policies in the area. Mr. Zayed, a member of the Knesset for the Israeli Communist Party, became municipal council leader in local elections last year. He accused Mr. Yisrael Koenig, Northern District representative of the Ministry of the Interior of discriminating against Arab localities. Arabs in the Galilee area have been in protest against with Mr. Koenig since publication of a secret document, reportedly drawn up by Mr. Koenig, containing proposals to increase the region's Jewish population.

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2 blacks shot dead in Soweto

SOWETO, Johannesburg, July 29 (R). — Two blacks, one a teenage girl, were shot dead today as police used shotguns, pistols and dogs to quell student violence in this volatile township, focal point of South Africa's black unrest. A police spokesman also announced that a mass rally, due for next Sunday in Soweto, after police unleashed Alsatian dogs on some 200 stone-throwing students boycotting classes in protest at South Africa's segregated education system, would be cancelled. The girl, 19-year-old Regina Nhlapo, was shot

After fact-finding trip

U.S. lawyers shocked at Israeli treatment of Arab prisoners

By Kamel G. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

A delegation of American lawyers that has just completed a three-week fact-finding mission in the Middle East has found that Israel denies "very basic rights" in its treatment of Arab prisoners and detainees, and adds that Israeli practices are "shocking to our senses as lawyers."

The ten-member delegation from the U.S. National Lawyers Guild told the Jordan Times in an interview here on Thursday night that they left the Middle East with the impression of the Israelis as a people "divorced" to the extent of the Palestinians, and with Israel as a state whose implicit policy seeks to have as many Palestinians as possible leave their land to make room for more Jewish settlements and Israeli expansion.

The National Lawyers Guild delegation, which includes four Jews, two Arab-Americans, one Moslem and three women, visited Lebanon, Jordan, the West Bank and Israel. The trip was the result of a 1975 resolution by the executive committee of the Guild to study the Arab-Israeli conflict and to examine at first

hand the human rights issues involved.

Sunday Times report

They said that they came to the Middle East on a fact-finding mission and intending to look into all aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict. But partly because their trip coincided with the publication of the Sunday Times report about Israeli torture of Arab prisoners and detainees, delegation members said that Israeli violations of basic Arab human rights came to their attention very often during the trip.

One lawyer said he was "impressed with the illegality of the military court system in use by the Israelis in the occupied areas." While, in view of the occupation, it is not surprising to have military courts used, he said the Israelis "deny very basic rights in their procedures," such as the fact that there is no right to appeal of verdicts, and that court sessions are held in Hebrew.

The American lawyers also pointed out what they said were clear and obvious "patterns" in the Hebrew "confessions" that Arab prisoners have signed. These "confessions" contained identical series of words and sentences that appeared over and over again in the Hebrew text, which led the Guild lawyers to believe that what the confessions contain was not said by the Arab prisoners, and that the confessions -- which are usually the basis on which Arabs are imprisoned --

are not legitimate and "were likely the result of coercion."

"Shocking"

Some members of the delegation said that it was "shocking to our senses as lawyers" that these "confessions" are so pivotal in trying and convicting Palestinian prisoners, and that physical proof and corroborative evidence is so rarely used by the Israelis. They said physical evidence is used in only about ten per cent of the cases. In many cases, Arab prisoners are not told what the charges against them are, the lawyers said, and they added that "the whole Israeli legal apparatus is wrought with defects in minimum legal standards and basic human rights."

The delegation tried to visit Israeli prisons and interrogation and detention centres, but they said they "got the run-around" from the Israeli authorities.

When they brought up the topic of Israeli torture and violations of Arab rights with a Likud member, Secretary of the Cabinet Arieh Neor, he replied that talk of this subject is the "aberration of one world lawyer who gets her instructions from the Kremlin." The reference being to the Israeli lawyer Felicia Langer, a member of the Communist Party of Israel who is active in defending Arab prisoners in Israel and publicising Israeli illegal and inhumane activities.

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Settlements could be removed, says Dayan

TEL AVIV, July 29 (R). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, commenting on criticism of Israel's settlement policy, said the best way to achieve peace was by allowing Jews and Arabs to live side by side. In an address last night at an international gathering of Jewish fund-raisers Mr. Dayan said: "The fact that we have officially recognised these settlements does not mean the areas in which they stand are not negotiable. 'We are ready to negotiate about them.' 'But I believe the only way that we will be accepted by the

Arabs and to get peace is not by dividing the area but by living together with them. 'But if the Arabs propose a plan which will be based on the division of the area and that plan will be accepted by the Israelis, then the settlements established there will not be an obstacle. If needs be we shall remove such settlements that we find on the wrong side of the line.' he said. This was believed to be the first time Mr. Dayan has hinted at the possibility of removing any settlement established by Israelis in the occupied areas.

Ethiopian peasants prepared to march

ROME, July 29 (R). — About 8,000 armed Ethiopian peasants are assembling on a road to Asmara apparently poised to start a campaign against Eritrean separatist insurgents, the Eritrean Popular Liberation Front (EPLF) said today.

The Ethiopians are at the city of Makeda, capital of the province of Tegrae on the border with Eritrea province, an EPLF spokesman told Reuters here.

Others have been flown to Asmara, the Eritrean provincial capital, he claimed.

The spokesman also said that the EPLF had recently captured two positions close to the strategic road from Asmara to Eritrea's main port of Massawa-Tahtelai and Dongollo.

He claimed that the road was virtually closed and that Ethiopian forces which control Asmara and Massawa only sent convoys down it about three times a month.



PRISONER -- Medical personnel attending Egyptian Lt. Col. Ifat after his plane was shot down near El Adhem in Libya in recent Egyptian-Libyan clashes. (AP wirephoto from Libyan Arms agency)

Libyans, Egyptians will meet to settle frontier disputes

CAIRO, July 21 (Agencies). — Egypt and the Libyan Jamahiriya will hold peace talks next month to settle their border dispute, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Arab press reports as saying.

Government sources of both countries meanwhile remained silent about the outcome of Arab mediation efforts which ended four days of fighting between the two neighbours last week.

Egypt's and Libya's foreign ministers will meet in Kuwait on Aug. 9 to conclude the agreement between the two countries after their recent hostilities, the Kuwaiti newspapers Al Qabas and Al Anba reported.

The newspapers said the meeting between Egypt's Ismail Fahmi and Libya's Ali Abdel Salam Tureiki would set the seal on Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad's mediation between Cairo and Tripoli.

In Beirut a pro-Libyan newspaper here said today it was unlikely that Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi would meet to resolve their conflict.

The Lebanese newspaper Al Safir, reporting from Tripoli, said the two countries' foreign ministers would probably meet each other as mediators.

According to Palestinian officials in Cairo, the plan mainly provided for an end next Monday to the bitter propaganda war between Cairo and Tripoli and a high-level meeting between the two countries.

MENA quoted the reports as saying the meeting of the foreign ministers would pave the way for a reconciliatory meeting between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi.

The success of mediation efforts was announced by FLO

sources. The Kuwaiti foreign minister also said both the Egyptian and Libyan leaders wanted to "normalise" the border situation.

Palestinian officials, said the terms of the agreement included:

— an end to the bitter propaganda war between the two countries from next Monday.

— a high-level meeting between the two governments in either Algiers or Kuwait between Aug. 1 and 10.

— talks between joint military committees along the border.

Algerian President Houari Boumediene, who also helped to mediate, was credited with convincing both the Egyptian and Libyan leaders to halt the military operations, official Egyptian sources said.

Pilot: Planes attacking Adhem all shot down

LONDON, July 29 (R). — The Libyan news agency ARNA today quoted an Egyptian pilot shot down last week as saying Egypt lost all 12 planes it had launched on an attack against a Libyan air base.

The agency said Lt. Col. Abdul Hamid Ifat (see photo above) had given a press conference from his bed in hospital dealing with the Egyptian bombing raid on the Gamil Abdel Nasser air base at El Adhem, near Tobruk.

He was quoted as saying that Egypt had launched 12 planes -- Russian built Sukhoi fighters against the base, but that they were all shot down by Libyan ground-to-air missiles. None of the planes came closer than eight kms. to the base, and all the other 11 pilots were killed in the attack, the officer was quoted as saying.

The agency said Lt. Col. Ifat had said orders for the raid, during last week's border conflict, were given only two hours before take off, and that he had described this as a trick used by the Egyptian leaders to keep their armed forces from discussing or raising objections to the orders.

Lt. Col. Ifat was described as the leader of the 55th Sukhoi fighter-bombers squadron of the Egyptian air force.

The agency gave no details of the officer's condition except to report he had said a doctor was permanently stationed by his bedside and that a complete team of doctors had operated on him.

He was said to have named the officer who led the raid as Col. Moby Isawi, commander of the 28th Regiment.

As Cairo accord implemented Stricter controls set on Palestinians

BEIRUT, July 29 (R). — Strict controls will be placed on the estimated 400,000 Palestinians in Lebanon from midnight tonight in moves to restore a lasting peace.

The measures will be enforced by the mainly Syrian Arab peace-keeping force under a two-phase plan to implement a 1969 agreement regulating the Palestinian presence in the country.

If fully carried out, the plan would end fighting in south Lebanon where leftist-Palestinian forces and Lebanese rightists have continued to clash since the end of the civil war last November.

Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss reflected official optimism today when he said: "The arrangements so far to implement the plan call for optimism. We expect no difficulties."

Agreement on the plan was reached last Monday after high-level negotiations between Lebanon, Syria, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the 30,000-strong peace-keeping force.

Under the first 15-day phase, units of the peace-keeping force will set up a protective cordon round the 15 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

Only the Palestinian military police will be allowed to carry weapons inside the camps. Military demonstrations outside the enclaves will be banned.

Offices of the various Palestinian groups outside the camps will be closed down.

The second and more important phase covers the withdrawal of armed men from southern Lebanon, where the continued fighting has badly hit the region's economy and forced residents to flee to other towns.

The plan provides for Lebanese regular troops to replace the guerrillas in the sensitive border region.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, has said that all guerrilla factions endorsed the plan. His assurance has not allayed fears and suspicions of rightists however, who are reserving judgement till they see the plan being fully implemented.

Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahmed, a leader of the pro-Iraqi Arab Liberation Front, said today his organisation would adhere to the accord in order to restore peace in Lebanon "where our preserve is considered temporary".

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros, rightwing Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel and the peace-keeping Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahmad, a

More bombs in Israel, pledges PFLP leader

BEIRUT, July 29 (R). — The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said here today it would continue striking Bercely at Israeli targets.

A military spokesman for the Front said in a press statement "the front will retaliate

against Zionist violence with revolutionary violence, and any new settlement established by the enemy will be a target..."

Referring to explosions in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beer-sheba over the past few days, the spokesman said "let it be known to the Zionists that bombs and explosives will be planted in every part of Palestine they usurped."

On the other hand, PFLP's official spokesman Bassam Abu Sberif said in a similar statement that the Palestinian people would "reject the Zionist entity."

He was commenting on U.S. President Carter's call at a press conference in Washington yesterday, for Palestine Liberation Organisation recognition of Israel as a condition for participating in the Geneva Middle East peace talks.

Mr. Abu Sberif said the U.N. General Assembly had condemned Zionism as a racist movement, "and accordingly our people will not recognise the Zionist entity."

He added: "The Palestinians are fighting to establish a democratic state in Palestine, and by this are making a generous and progressive offer to settlers who persecuted and rendered the Palestinian people homeless."

Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros, rightwing Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel and the peace-keeping Mr. Abdul Rahim Ahmad, a

mi Al Khatib, today discussed final details of the plan's execution with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

A senior Syrian official was expected in Beirut tonight to help supervise the operation.

Israeli attorney claims Arabs torture informants

TEL AVIV, July 29 (R). — Five Arabs in an Israeli prison had tortured fellow prisoners suspected of cooperating with the authorities, Israel's State Attorney Gabriel Bach said today. Mr. Bach told a press conference the five set up a court of inquiry to cross-examine other prisoners in Nablus jail, on the West Bank.

Prisoners suspected of revealing information about Arab guerrillas were tortured and burned, the state attorney said. Mr. Bach insisted that Israel exercised rigid procedures to ensure that human rights of prisoners were upheld anywhere in Israeli-controlled territory.

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First oil flows through Alaska pipeline

VALDEZ, Alaska, July 29 (R). — Strens howled in greeting here today when the first Arctic oil down the Alaska pipeline began pouring into storage tanks at this ice-free Pacific port.

The arrival of the oil capped a nine-year, \$9.5 billion construction project, one of the most ambitious in modern times, America's partial answer to the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The oil was first pumped into the pipeline at Prudhoe Bay, 1,300 kms. north of here, on June 20.

Valdez provided free beer and fireworks to mark the event, which has meant an economic renaissance for its 8,000 people.

From Valdez, the oil will be shipped south to refineries throughout the United States.

A mechanical device called a "pig", moving just ahead of the oil rattled into the storage yards at 11.02 P.M. (08:02 GMT).

Anyone who predicted the oil's exact arrival time will collect \$30,000 from a locally-organised pool.

The opening of the Alaska pipeline was not without setbacks. On July 8, an explosion and fire destroyed one of the pumping stations, killing one worker and injuring five.

The station was by-passed, but its loss has diminished the pipeline's capacity until it can be replaced at a cost of about \$5 million.

The pumps were turned off again when federal inspectors discovered 14 welds which did not meet U.S. specifications in the pipeline as it enters the

storage area.

Some months ago dynamite was planted on the pipeline in the Fairbanks area, north of here, in an apparent attempt at sabotage.

The explosions ripped away part of the insulation protecting the surrounding permanently frozen tundra from the oil, which is heated to keep it flowing.

Three men have been arrested, and one was ordered to have psychiatric tests.

The pipeline, partially crippled by the loss of pumping station number eight, will initially deliver about 400,000 barrels of oil a day. Later, the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the consortium of oil companies drilling oil on the North Slope fields, aims to increase this to about 1.2 mil-

lion barrels a day.

At full capacity, Alyeska officials say, the pipeline can deliver up to two million barrels a day, about 10 per cent of current U.S. consumption.

But national energy planners hope that the Alaska oil can slow the rate of increase of imported crude oil and the outflow of tens of millions of dollars a month to pay for it.

Plans for the pipeline were first announced as long ago as 1960. But legal battles followed over land purchase, and environmentalists said it would disturb the fragile balance of natural life in the tundra.

The 1973 energy crisis spurred the project.

Tankers are already heading for Valdez to start shipping out some of the oil.

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The Prospect Theatre to perform modern interpretation of Shakespeare in Amman

Experimental handling of the classics for the stage is by now almost traditional. And it consists mainly of escaping tradition by simultaneously relying on it.

Among the major achievements of the last decade are the rethinking of Shakespeare and the mythology repertoire -- the real sources of the theatre. In this respect, Peter Brook's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Timon of Athens" were enthusiastically received in London, New York and Paris, and the experimental performances of "Medea" and "The Trojan Women" by La Mama became a date in the history of avant-garde theatre.

Specialised in modern interpretations of Shakespeare, has consistently been well reviewed and now obtains the contribution of the best actors in the United Kingdom, such as Derek Jacobi, Dorothy Tutin, Eileen Atkins, Robert Eddison, Barbara Jefford, Timothy West and John Turner.

Amman before London

The "Antony and Cleopatra" that the Amman audience will see is the only Shakespeare play to be set in the Middle East and throughout the ages has played on popular images of the Orient. The Prospect production of the play has not yet been performed in Britain -- its premiere took place last week in Yugoslavia. Audiences in Jordan will therefore have a chance to judge this new interpretation of "Antony and Cleopatra" before the London critics do.



Dramatism reigns in Toby Robertson's version of Antony and Cleopatra.

praised Robertson's creations. The Times, talking about Hamlet, stated: "When this play opens with a parade of the 'dramatis personae' through billowing smoke and goes on stage the most famous soliloquy in the language as a speech to a mute Ophelia ('Soft you now, the fair Ophelia'), one starts to suspect the whole show as a desperate attempt to break out of Shakespearean routine."

"Toby Robertson's production lends further support to this view with some unexpected cuts and rearrangements. As we also get such additions as a preliminary carnival performance by the players. 'Despite the novelties, it is a thoroughly orthodox production; and this is its main strength...'"

Hamlet Folio

The text of the Prospect Hamlet is based on the "Folio" text with many cuts included. It was common practice in the Elizabethan theatre, as now, to cut and adapt new plays. Three different versions of "Hamlet" were printed before 1625. One came from a working manuscript by Shakespeare and the other two from the version used in the theatre. The first was printed, using

an actor's memory to reconstruct the text. It is fairly rough: He knew some scenes well, others vaguely. Odd lines disappeared, others were expended. But there is a difference between a patchwork of fragments, and passages of which no trace remains. These were probably cut in the theatre.

Some confirmation can be gained from the third, the folio of all Shakespeare's works, which was prepared by his theatre colleagues in 1623. For "Hamlet", they apparently used a prompt book supplement of the full printed version. They failed to restore the scene with Fortinbras' army and Hamlet's soliloquy after it. The earlier soliloquies also seem to have been pruned. Even "To be or not to be..." lost

about 12 lines. And some of Hamlet's moralising went out. Otherwise, about 1,000 lines -- a quarter of what Shakespeare wrote -- were cut. This makes it only a few hundred lines longer than "Macheth", his shortest play, but generally regarded as a cut version.

Derek Jacobi has become something of a personality in Britain. His role as Emperor Claudius in the BBC's sensational "I Claudius" last summer made him a household name. Following this he chose to tackle Hamlet, the most famous role in all literature, with the Prospect Theatre Company. He is currently starring as Guy Burgess in a British television series about the famous Philby, Burgess and Maclean spy affair.



Leading British actress Dorothy Tutin acts Cleopatra.

The big lie

Israel has succeeded in demeaning, misrepresenting and caricaturing the Arabs for so long and has found a gullible Western World and Israeli public ready to swallow the nonsense hook, line and sinker that it comes as a shock not only to the Israelis themselves but also to the demoralised Arabs when outsiders finally hit upon the truth.

Israel has been living with a lie while it has gone about torturing Arab prisoners, appropriating Arab lands and blowing up Arab houses in the occupied territories. Israeli Arabs have been reduced to the status of second class citizens, sometimes dispossessed of their farms and then hired as manual labourers to till the soil that now belongs to Jewish Israelis. Meanwhile a lie has been put about that there is no such thing as a Palestinian people who had lived in Palestine for hundreds of years before the Jews began immigrating there and who have been driven from their homeland to make room for the Israelis. In general, Israel has behaved towards its neighbours and the hapless Arabs who fell under its control as a super-race dealing with an inferior brand of human beings for whom it has nothing but contempt and to whose sufferings it is entirely oblivious.

The Israelis are continuing to deceive themselves and to ward off awareness of the truth that is impinging on their consciousness. In the words of one member of the U.S. National Lawyers' Guild delegation which has just ended a fact-finding tour of the area, the Israelis are in many ways "being good Germans". Just as good Germans did not know what was being done to the Jews in the Hitler era, the Israelis do not know what is being done to the Arabs. It will no doubt come as a shock to many Israelis to hear that Arab detainees are being denied very basic rights or that the group of American lawyers had been "impressed with the illegality of the military court system in use by the Israelis in the occupied areas." Another member of the delegation was "personally overwhelmed" by the facts and came to the conclusion that life in Israel and the occupied territories has a clear basis of "racial discrimination."

Israel meanwhile is trying to sustain the Institutionalised lie. What was the Israeli reaction to the Sunday Times report on the torture of Arab detainees? Flat denials. As though in a perverse mockery of the demand for an investigation into the matter, the Israeli State Attorney's office has discovered instances of Arab prisoners torturing other Arabs. One cannot help but feel that the Israeli authorities are failing to see what is right under their noses.

Yet what can one expect from a state whose chief of staff, before being promoted to his present post, spent his time writing books for children reeking of racial and cultural prejudice? In one of the latest in this series of books, entitled Azit in the Palaces of Cairo and published in 1971, Gen. Mordechai Gur's, heroine, a dog called Azit, makes fools of and almost singlehandedly causes the rout of the entire Egyptian army. Such books are not only fed to Israeli children between the ages of 12 and 16, they are also very popular in the Israeli army.

The subterfuge cannot last forever; one day Israel will have to face its conscience. For a starter, we challenge the Israelis to allow an impartial body, such as the International Red Cross, to investigate the charges of ill-treatment and torture of Arab detainees. Is Israel so confident of its innocence that it will throw the doors of its prisons open to a Red Cross team? This question has already been asked by the Sunday Times, we are merely repeating it.

By Irene Ramadan
Special to the Jordan Times

It is appropriate that Britain's contribution to the silver jubilee festivities in Jordan will be a visit by the Prospect Theatre Company, for the Prospect has just finished presenting a series of plays as part of the British silver jubilee celebrations.

Since 1963, this group, under the artistic direction of Toby Robertson, has developed as one of Britain's leading theatre companies. This jubilee year of 1977 opens a new chapter for the Prospect, which has now culminated in the permanent establishment of the group in London's Old Vic Theatre. The Prospect Theatre Company, specialising in modern interpretations of Shakespeare, has consistently been well reviewed and now obtains the contribution of the best actors in the United Kingdom, such as Derek Jacobi, Dorothy Tutin, Eileen Atkins, Robert Eddison, Barbara Jefford, Timothy West and John Turner.



Derek Jacobi (Hamlet): A neurotic Renaissance prince.

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Dance and music

There is another interesting thing in the two plays: Toby Robertson has thing succeeded in embodying music and dance into the show. The special scores by Donald Frazer and the choreography by the famous American, William Lothar, have become part of the action.

The London critics have

U.S. lawyers shocked at Israeli treatment

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The lawyers said the Israelis they talked to denied that any torture takes place. The lawyers found the Israelis in general to be "oblivious to the conditions of the Arabs," and exhibiting "complete blindness to what happens to the Arabs on the West Bank and in Gaza."

One lawyer said that he thought the Israelis in many ways were "good Germans" (a reference to the prevalent German attitude of not knowing what was being done to the Jews under Hitler) and that the Israelis "don't know what is happening and they don't want to find out."

From their talks with Likud members and other Israelis, the lawyers thought Israeli policy "implicitly wants to create the conditions to make the Palestinians leave their homes in the West Bank and go to other Arab countries." Their impression was that this has been Israeli policy during the past ten years of Labour Party rule as well, though they thought the Likud Bloc "clearly favoured" the Palestinians leaving the West Bank, and that this was reflected in present Israeli policies in the occupied territories.

Deteriorating health

An example of this policy, they said, is the deteriorating health conditions of the Arab population of the West Bank, where the health care facilities for the Arabs have actually decreased in relation to normal population growth rates.

In some cases, such as for children between the ages of one month and one year, the infant mortality rate among Palestinians has risen 100 per cent over the past several years (according to figures compiled by UNRWA and the only Arab pediatrician in the West Bank).

The number of available beds for Arabs has decreased in some cases, and some hospitals that were being built for the Arabs have been taken over for use by Israelis.

There are no Arab urologists or radiologists in the West Bank, the lawyers were told, and only 900 hospital beds are available for the Arab population (300 of which are for psychiatric cases).

When asked about the practice of deportation of Palestinian leaders, Likud officials claimed that less than 100 people have been deported, (Arab and impartial observer figures place the number at about 1,300).

Racial discrimination

One of the women lawyers said that she was "personally overwhelmed by the facts" that she had heard and seen in Israel and the West Bank, and that she believes that life in Israel and the occupied territories is built on a clear basis of "racial discrimination". She said:

"Before I came I had never fully understood the U.N. resolution that equated Zionism with racism and I came here with an open mind to have personal access to the facts of the situation. When I saw things first hand I was totally overwhelmed by the way the Arabs are treated as inferior people. I didn't really understand institutional racism until I made this trip, even though we have racism in the United States. Israel is built on an exclusive system, and the Arabs racially cannot qualify as equal citizens in the West Bank or in Israel in any area, including health, education, personal treatment, and every other area."

When asked by the Jordan Times how the lawyers felt about Israel after their visit, and in view of the image of Israel in the United States as a bastion of democracy in the Middle East, they said that the image of Israel in the West is "a myth".

Invisible

They thought that, in Israeli eyes, the Palestinians do not exist and are something like "The Invisible Man" (a reference to the classic Ralph Ellison novel).

They perceived some understanding of the Palestinian reality among leftist groups in Israel, but even among these groups they thought the perception of the Palestinians was "rudimentary".

The delegation will hold a press conference in New York City immediately upon its return there Saturday morning (July 30), and it plans to publish the facts it has collected either in book or report form.

They will present a full report to the annual convention of the National Lawyers Guild in Seattle, Washington, next month, and will carry out work of an "educational nature" and possibly also of a legal nature, they said.

They also said they may make a presentation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and they may also bring up the matter for action through their affiliation with the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

One of the delegation members said they would like to address the American government on the issue, particularly as President Carter's administration "has made a platform of the human rights issue."

Quasi-government

They said that in their talks

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BRITISH LADIES OF AMMAN

There will be NO meeting for the month of August. Next meeting will be held in September, and will be a coffee morning. Date to be announced later.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The Jordanian daily Al Akhbar, in two of its editorials Friday, was concerned with the basis for a Middle East peace settlement and with the contents of the joint American-Italian communique issued at the end of the talks between President Carter and Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti.

AL AKHBAR, in its editorial on the Middle East peace settlement, said that until a short while ago all international statements on the Middle East referred to the United Nations resolutions as the basis for resolving the Palestinian problem. Arab statements, however, referred to the following as the bases for a peaceful settlement: Arab unity; increase of the military potential of the Arab confrontation states; and the oil weapon.

The Arabs, the paper said, considered that these mentioned principles would pressure Israel into a withdrawal from occupied territories and the recognition of the Palestinian rights.

The paper added that nowadays one notices the absence of references to U.N. resolutions or, more accurately, the absence of references to bases of a Middle East peace settlement and to Arab potential. It is clear, the paper said, that the peace solution is now in the hands of Washington and the Arab potential has no role to play in solving the Palestinian problem any more. The paper said that it is the

wish of Israel that the world would forget about U.N. resolutions concerning the Palestinian case and that the Arabs would give up the effort to mobilise their potential in their battle against Israel.

The paper concluded emphasising that the Arabs renounce the Palestinian cause if they give up mobilising their potential and if they forsake United Nations resolutions. In a second editorial, AL AKHBAR said that the joint American-Italian communique, issued at the end of the talks between President Carter and Italy's Premier Andreotti, expressed the worry which both parties feel about the situation in Africa.

The paper said that such a communique shows that one country is worried about its old interests in the African continent and the second is worried about its current interests there.

The paper added that, after Djibouti achieved its independence, the interests of both the USA and Italy in the Horn of Africa are supposed to have ended. Thus, a reference by both countries to Africa is an illegitimate one because any worry over Africa ought to be the concern of the Africans themselves as they are represented in the Organisation of African Unity. The references to Africa by the USA and Italy can, thus, only mean that there exists the possibility of foreign interference there.

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Rehabilitated leaders are expected to emerge at Red Army celebrations

PEKING, July 29 (AFP). — For the first time since the difficult days of the Cultural Revolution the "old guard", almost at full strength and rid of Mao's widow and her accomplices, are triumphant in Peking for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army.

The anniversary, which was not celebrated publicly last year due to the July 28 Tang Shan earthquake, is being marked by a cultural soiree today and a big official banquet on Aug. 1.

It is expected that Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Chief of Staff, will make his first public reappearance since his official rehabilitation, perhaps in military uniform, before Peking's foreign colony either tomorrow or at the banquet.

A top leader, probably Marshal Yeh Chien-ying who is defence minister, party vice chairman and vice chairman of the Military Commission, should make a speech at the banquet.

The commemoration of the founding in 1927 of the Red Army is awaited each year with interest by observers in Peking as it is liable to reveal changes in the Chinese leadership or the return of figures who had been purged in the past.

Sharp disagreement quenches Israel's euphoria built on Begin's U.S. visit

TEL AVIV, July 29 (R). — Two sharp disagreements between Israel and Washington have dimmed the aura of success which surrounded Prime Minister Menachem Begin's recent visit to the United States.

The Israeli opposition, after holding its fire while Mr. Begin was in Washington, is now charging that the euphoria was an illusion which concealed troubles piling up for Israel on its road to Middle East peace talks.

In a comment on the sudden change in atmosphere, the opposition newspaper Davar said yesterday: "Mutual smiles, since as they may be, cannot alter positions anchored in differing interests."

On his return from Washington on Monday, Mr. Begin claimed to have established a strong personal rapport with President Carter and to have ended a climate of Israeli-U.S. confrontation.

Just one day later, the United States delivered a strong rebuke over the Begin government's formal recognition of three Jewish settlements in Arab territory on the West Bank of the River Jordan.

Then came news from Washington that the U.S. planned to sell 14 military transport planes to Egypt.

Mr. Begin rejected the U.S. complaint over the settlements and sent a protest to Washington over the aircraft sales.

Official recognition of the three West Bank settlements of Ofra, Ma'ale Adumim and Eilon Moreh was regarded as a gesture to Gush Emunim, the fanatical Jewish activist group which helped bring Mr. Begin to power in last May's general election.

The Jerusalem Post suggested that the suddenness of the move on the settlements could indicate a behind the scenes accord with Washington.

The paper speculated that the U.S. might have privately accepted the move, despite its subsequent criticism, on condition that Mr. Begin restrains Gush Emunim from going ahead with any more.

The opposition Labour alignment has concentrated on charges that Mr. Begin achieved nothing but postponement of a head-on policy clash with Washington.

Mr. Carter has made plain that he believes Israel should withdraw from virtually all of the West Bank territory captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. He has also insisted on the necessity for a Palestinian homeland.

In his report to the Knesset Wednesday, Mr. Begin reiterated that he had no such agreement in mind. An Israeli pull-back to its 1967 borders, Mr. Begin said, was "out of the question".

He said he was confident that the projected Geneva peace talks in October would not produce a Palestinian State.

Mr. Begin insisted: "I have neither concealed any differences with the U.S. nor generated any euphoria."

Opposition leader Shimon Peres, who was acting prime minister before the May election, told reporters: "Mr. Begin may well have set a share for the future of Israeli-U.S. relations. The rose-tinted spectacles should be cast aside."

U.S. USSR and Britain hash out differences on extension of the test ban treaty

GENEVA, July 29 (R). — Britain said at the Geneva Disarmament Conference yesterday there had been 500 underground nuclear tests in different countries since the 1963 partial test ban treaty.

The 30-nation conference was given the figure by Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Foreign Office Minister of State, who was reporting on separate nuclear test ban talks between the United States, Soviet Union and Britain here.

These adjourned Wednesday until Oct. 3, when the three powers will resume efforts to end a stalemate over extending the 1963 treaty so that it includes underground tests.

Both Lord Goronwy-Roberts and Soviet delegate Viktor Likhachev used the word "business like" today to describe the three power talks.

U.S. delegate Adrian Fisher said: "The achievement of a truly comprehensive test ban treaty is an objective to which the United States government gives the highest priority."

Besides the 500 underground tests, Lord Goronwy-Roberts spoke of a number of atomic blasts in the atmosphere, although these were "now only conducted by one country" — an apparent reference to China.

The British minister said he hoped the next round of three-power talks would "enable the three delegations to work towards an agreement and universal respect."

The phrase "universal respect" reflected the wish of the U.S., Soviet Union and Britain that France and China would any new treaty to be comprehensive, banning also the so-called "peaceful" blasts, the

Absurdity's loophole By Bassam Bishuti Gospel according to Begin

Behold, ladies and gentlemen, we speaketh today of a Polish former terrorist who sayeth he has more right to live in Palestine than my friend's grandmother -- and she was born in Jerusalem before becoming a refugee.

The Hebrews have begotten a great multitude of strange characters in their history -- out of all proportion to their numbers -- but, know of a surety ladies and gentlemen, that the Jews have outdone themselves with Menachem Begin. Israel, I say unto ye, shall not be the same after him, for men shall no more believe that characters of this sort become "leaders" of nations in Arab capitals only.

To begin with, Mr. Begin looks mediocre. So mediocre that not one cartoonist has yet managed to make a good job of him. He's got a mouth as big as the land promised in the Book of Genesis; he's got a stare that's alive and propitious as the Dead Sea; he's got lips as thick as his ancestors who, when Moses climbed the mountain to fetch his tablets, found only a moten calf worthy of worship.

The man is so drowned in his Torah that you would think history closed over 2,000 years ago with Malachi. It is a "routine" job for his government, he tells the world, to allow Jewish settlements on a land whose future, to say the least, is the subject of a worldwide issue of debate. "I give this land unto thee, tribe of Gush Emunim," he says, "for it is the land of your fathers as written in the five Books of Moses."

The rest of us, sober-minded humans, ought by now to have grown weary with this age-old game of "eretz Israel". For over 5,700 years the Jews have held us captive with their self-propagated propaganda and self-proclaimed prophecies and self-pronounced promises. So monotonous has the thing become that for so many the effect is as noticeable as your heart beat, which you only notice when it grows louder -- because it is too late to notice when it stops. This masquerade, however, has continued unabashed that when their latter-day fanatics transformed it into the political Zionist platform they were given what they

wanted in amused tolerance, as if the thing was another of those dreams which only Daniel or Sigmund Freud could show the interpretation thereof -- and when interpreted confuses the issue even more so that you end up having to agree.

But Menachem Begin has decided, apparently, to be one of the more fiery of the Jewish prophets. His "eretz Israel" is proclaimed with thunder and lightning from the highest steeple. He arrives in New York, preceded by the mysterious sign of a total electrical failure, to speak prophecy and announce the will of the divine. But the world's tolerance begins to wear off -- even the Bible-minded, Baptist-reared Jimmy Carter finds he has to say to him that he is wrathful of his doings and is sorely vexed with his sayings. I would have thought, as surely as there is a God in Heaven, that Mr. Carter would have already communicated to Mr. Begin what Sunday School in Plains, Georgia, taught him: that the Torah has had an update; that the Gospel has already been delivered; and that the "Good News" has proclaimed to all people that the "Good News" lies not on soil but in the hearts of men.

Mr. Begin, however, remains as stiff-necked as the followers of Moses. The Lord has told them and told them again that his Covenant is for the saving of mankind, that the Messiah is a man of peace and that Israel is not a state with a flag but a state of Grace. But they stray away from the path and they make graven images of war chariots and there is none upright among them but all take counsel together for to put the Palestinians to death.

So the Lord has smitten them with the leader they deserve: a man who has falsely taken upon himself to fulfill the Law and the Prophets. Menachem Begin acts as if he believes he is the promised Messiah and I most surely wish he goes ahead and tries to prove it, for the sooner this bogus theory is done with the sooner will these people be converted and we'll have an end to profane history.

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Dollar rises to two week high in Europe

LONDON, July 29 (R). — The dollar rose to its highest level for two weeks on European foreign exchange markets today, recovering from a steady decline after a few hints that the United States may be thinking of moves to maintain its value.

The pound sterling also continued a healthy improvement.

The upward drift of the dollar was helped by some technical factors, but mainly by calls from prominent figures in the United States that the dollar's integrity must be maintained.

It went up sharply in New York last night just after a

speech in Louisville, Kentucky, by U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal who said a strong dollar was vital to the world economy.

But Mr. Blumenthal did not map out any changes in policy. And his remarks were being measured today alongside a very different statement he made last week -- that he was prepared to let the dollar float still lower.

The dollar advanced in London to an early 2.2885 marks from 2.2742 overnight. Sterling was unchanged against the dollar at \$1.7376.

In Frankfurt, where the dollar also rose today, dealers said market operators were

still confused about the apparently contradictory statements coming out of Washington.

The dollar's recent fall was mainly caused by reports of a big U.S. trade deficit building up for this year.

The United States has largely ignored the fall, apparently feeling that it will offset the trade deficit by making it cheaper to buy U.S. goods with foreign money. This lack of action has brought angry criticism from several quarters especially West Germany.

The dollar's recovery at present is being helped by an improvement in U.S. interest rates, making the currency more attractive to buyers.

Sterling's rise came after the Bank of England two days ago stopped keeping it pegged close to the dollar's value, and allowed it to float upwards. It gained against other European currencies with the Bank of England's exchange rate index rising to 61.7 from 61.5 per cent overnight. This measures the extent of Britain's devaluation since 1971.

EEC nations welcome Spain's application for membership

BRUSSELS, July 29 (AFP). — Member countries of the European Economic Community yesterday generally welcomed Spain's application for entry into the nine-nation grouping, presented here this morning by its Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja.

But reactions in EEC capitals were in line with remarks made by Mr. Oreja and the current EEC Council Chairman, Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet at a brief ceremony here.

Negotiations will be slow and difficult between the EEC and Spain, the third Mediterranean nation to apply after Greece two years ago and Portugal last March.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman, announcing that Foreign Secretary David Owen would pay an official visit to Madrid early next September,

said the British government "welcomes the Spanish decision ... just as we welcomed the previous applications of Greece and Portugal."

But he added that enlargement of the EEC to 12 members "will undoubtedly" raise problems, although Mr. Owen "firmly believes that given good will they can be overcome."

In Bonn, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher also welcomed the Spanish application, saying that Europe would be "incomplete" without Spain. The recent Spanish elections had resulted in a "crushing victory of democratic forces in the country" and the move showed that Spain intended to "play a role in democratic Europe."

He said West Germany would do its utmost to bring a positive response to the new

entry bid despite the "economic and structural" problems involved.

Danish Foreign Minister Knud Boerge Andersen in a statement in Copenhagen also emphasised the progress towards democracy achieved by Spain, but said the EEC commission must now clarify the problems involved.

Here in Brussels, Mr. Oreja made it clear that Spain hopes to be a full member of the EEC by the middle of the 1980's, although EEC officials said it seemed clear that most EEC countries were "more scared" by the Spanish candidacy than by those of Greece and Portugal.

The reason, they said, was Spain's size -- a country nearly as large as France with a population of 35 million -- and its fast developing industry which is already highly competitive in such sectors as steel and shipbuilding.

Furthermore, its Mediterranean type agriculture -- based on wine, citrus fruit, fruit and vegetables -- could provide sharp competition for farmers in the southern regions of France and Italy, who are already complaining that the EEC has done less for them than for agriculture in its northern areas.

West Germany and some other EEC countries are worried about the possible inflow of large numbers of "guest workers" because of the EEC's statutory free movement of labour.

Mr. Oreja vigorously called for separate negotiations on Spanish entry, rejecting any idea of "global" talks taking in Greece and Portugal as well.

Oil finally reaches Valdez Tankers begin shipping out Alaskan crude oil

VALDEZ, Alaska, July 29 (R). — The first Arctic oil down the 1,300 km. Alaska pipeline flowed into storage tanks at the Pacific Ocean port of Valdez today, signalling triumph for one of the most ambitious construction projects of modern times.

Sirens wailed to greet the oil from the Alaskan North Slope brought here after three years of toil in some of the world's most rugged terrain and in spite of late technical snags and -- finally -- attempted sabotage.

Oilmen said they planned "a fish fry and a beer bash" to celebrate the success of the pipeline which cost \$9.5 billion and taps oil reserves at Prudhoe Bay estimated at 6.6 billion barrels.

The oil arrived just under an hour before midnight (at 08:02 GMT today). Its arrival meant the pipeline across the Arctic tundra was full of oil -- nine million barrels -- for the first time.

Oil entered the pipeline on June 20, but the flow was halted four times by mishaps.

Latest stoppage was on Wednesday, when inspectors found that 14 welds on the pipeline inside the terminal area had not been done according to federal specifications.

Earlier stoppages were caused by a leaking valve, an explosion and fire at a pump station and the ramming of a valve by a piece of heavy machinery.

But attempts to dynamite the pipeline -- three men have been charged -- failed to halt the flow of oil.

Plans for the pipeline were first announced as long ago as 1969. But legal battles followed over land purchase and involving environmentalists concerned that it would disturb the fragile balance of nature in the tundra.

The 1973 energy crisis spurred the project, for at peak output it will mean an annual \$5 billion saving on the U.S. payments balance.

To build the pipeline, nearly 1.5 million metres of steel pipe were brought from Japan.

"The centre of gravity of oil exploration has begun to shift from the Middle East to the Arctic," oil economist Walter Levy commented of the Alaskan reserves and the snaking, silver pipeline bringing the crude to the sea.

Turkish-Iraqi pipeline is expected to re-open Tuesday after repairs

ANKARA, July 29 (R). — The new Iraqi-Turkish oil pipeline is expected to be re-opened next Tuesday after repairs of a leak which forced it to be closed earlier this week, on the Turkish side.

Mr. Inan told the state-run Turkish Radio that the reason for the leak, discovered by local peasants, had not yet been determined, adding that although there was no indication of sabotage he did not rule out that possibility.

He said more than 1,700 tons of oil worth nearly 2,900,000 Turkish lira had been lost.

The leak was in Mardin province, about 700 kms. south east of Ankara and about 400 kms east of the pipeline's Turkish terminal Yumurtalik, on the Mediterranean Sea.

Group of Ten discusses "Witteveen facility"

PARIS, July 29 (AFP). — Technical details of the new facility to be set up by the International Monetary Fund for aid to countries faced with major payments deficits were discussed here yesterday by deputies of the Group of Ten, the leading Western IMF members.

The new instrument, known as the "Witteveen facility", will be financed by industrial surplus countries and some of the major oil producers and will provide help both for developed and developing countries faced with payments problems, according to proposals which might be finalised in the next several weeks.

IMF Director General Johannes Witteveen fathered the idea of such a fund in order to bolster the liquidity of the IMF and its capacity to help ease payments problems.

Sources close to the meeting said the deputies did not discuss the overall size of the facility or the individual contributions. These issues will be raised at a meeting of potential contributors here at the end of next week.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Argentina returns firms to private sector

* BUENOS AIRES, July 29 (AFP). — The Argentinian government is to return many of the companies now under its control to private ownership, it was learned officially here yesterday. A law made public yesterday said that the firms would be put up for sale within 180 days. They were bankrupt or ailing and were taken over by the state to maintain jobs. Television and radio companies will not be returned to the private sector.

French minister visits Syria

* DAMASCUS, July 29 (R). — Mr. Pierre Bernard Raymond, French Minister of State for Budgetary Affairs, arrived here yesterday for a three-day official visit. He told reporters he would be holding talks with Syrian leaders aimed at developing economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. The French minister also expressed the hope that the Middle East would be the "land of peace and progress for all people in the region."

Pan Am seeks approval of new fare scheme

* NEW YORK, July 29 (R). — Pan American World Airways have said they are seeking approval of a \$146 one-way air fare between New York and London. Pan American said passengers would pick the week they wanted to fly 21 days in advance and would be notified of their exact flight at least seven days before departure. Pan American said it was seeking approval for its scheme from British and American authorities, a round-trip fare would cost \$256.

Dr. Al Sakban ends talks with N. Yemen

* SAN'A, July 29 (R). — Secretary General of the Arab Economic Unity Council, Dr. Abdul Aal Al Sakban, left San'a yesterday after a five-day visit to North Yemen. He told reporters before he flew out to neighbouring South Yemen that his talks with officials in San'a were very successful and fruitful. Official sources said Wednesday that Dr. Al Sakban had discussed the possibility of North Yemen joining the Arab Common Market. Dr. Al Sakban said that the San'a government had pledged to adhere to the Arab Common Market resolutions. Customs on goods imported from the Arab Common Market countries will be reduced by 30 per cent each year until they are fully exempt in 1980, Dr. Sakban added.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Saudi riyal	91.5	91.8
Lebanese pound	104.1	104.5
Syrian pound	80.3	80.7
Iraqi dinar	990.00	995.00
Kuwaiti dinar	1127.0	1132.0
Egyptian pound	465.0	470.0
Libyan dinar	700.0	710.00
UAE dirham	82.9	83.3
U.K. sterling	559.0	565.0
U.S. dollar	324.0	326.0
German mark	144.8	145.0
French franc	67.7	67.9
Swiss franc	136.5	136.9
Italian lira (for every 100)	36.9	37.1

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London Foreign Exchange Market yesterday. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	= 1.7365 / 70	U.S. dollars
One dollar	= 2.2910 / 25	West German marks
	2.4405 / 25	Dutch guilders
	2.4060 / 85	Swiss francs
	35.15 / 18	Belgian francs
	4.8765 / 90	French francs
	881.40 / 70	Italian lire
	266.60 / 75	Japanese yen
	4.3715 / 45	Swedish crowns
	5.2760 / 90	Norwegian crowns
	5.9970 / 6.0000	Danish crowns

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices were mixed Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, where the Industrial average finished nearly unchanged after a drop of more than eight points at the opening.

Trading was heavy. 20.3 million shares changed hands. The early decline was attributed by analysts to government figures showing that the index of leading economic indicators was off 0.6 per cent in June, the second consecutive monthly decrease in the index designed to detect future economic trends. Brokers said some investors turned to bargain hunting in the afternoon.

Declines outnumbered advances at the close by a 775 to 613 margin. U.S. Steel was up 1-1/4 at 36.5.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 890.08, a gain of 0.09 points; Transp at 229.30, a loss of 1.17; utilities at 116.37, a loss of 0.58. 20,350,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,060,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT


Boots, Lucas, Bowater, ICI, GEC all showed net losses of a penny. Thorn, GKN and Hawker Siddeley shed 2p while Bats and Metal Box gained a penny.

Rank, Courtauld, Turner and Newall, EMI and Tube ended the day unchanged after being easier.

Banks lost up to 7p and oils mostly firmed with B.P. up 6p and Burnah 3p higher. Shell lost 2p.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$144.32/oz.

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FIRST RACE — 3:30 p.m.
FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES,
BEGINNERS
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Khaled Aladwan	... FARHA	Owner	... Silmi	55,5
2. Khaled Aladwan	... BAKHITA	Owner	... —	55,5
3. Fanous and Madros	... SOHA	Kamal	... Salah	55,5
4. Salim and Khawi	... MONA	Bilon	... Radwan	55,5
5. Rashed Odeh	... S. AL KHAL	Jazza	... Tamin	55,5
6. Rashed Odeh	... YA HALA	Jazza	... Diab	48,5
7. H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser	... KALADA	Ibrahim	... Ibrahim	51,5
8. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	... AMIRA	Ibrahim	... Atia	51,5
9. Fayek Kawar	... JAWAHER	Bilon	... Daybis	51,5
10. Ali Abu Soukout	... M. RAID	Owner	... Mousa	50
11. Galeh Haddadin	... NADWAN	Owner	... —	47

SECOND RACE — 4:00 p.m.
FOR BEGINNER HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Samir Farkouh	... NAMNOUM	Marmar	... Deeb	54
2. Fouad Kamal	... SINDIAN	AH	... —	54
3. Bahjat Fanous	... A. AL ZAMAN	Owner	... Salah	54
4. Bahjat Fanous	... MANIX	Owner	... —	47
5. Mousa Salameh	... LARK	Owner	... —	54
6. Ismail Salim	... B. AL ARAB	Bilon	... Radwan	54
7. Fanous and Salamah	... ZANNOUBA	Owner	... Mousa	52,5
8. Fashed Odeh	... KAHRAMAN	Jazza	... Fawwaz	50
9. Fayek Kawar	... YAMAMAH	Bilon	... Daybis	48,5

THIRD RACE — 4:30 p.m.
FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES,
THIRD CLASS
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Mousa Faris	... ALWAI	Marmar	... Salah	59
2. Ali Abu Soukout	... HAMSHARI	Owner	... Mousa	56
3. Okla T. Aljwamis	... J. MARKA	Owner	... Radwan	55,5
4. Khalil Burhan	... ALA MAHLAK	Owner	... Ibrahim	55
5. Rashed Odeh	... SAKR	Jazza	... Silmi	54
6. Rashed Odeh	... TISLAM	Jazza	... Fawwaz	48,5
7. Mishrif Alifan	... DABHA	Marmar	... Deeb	50,5
8. Saif H. Majali	... JAWWAL	All	... —	50
9. Salama Almanahi	... FALHA	Owner	... —	48,5
10. Mosaflam Alayed	... DARA	Bilon	... Mikhail	45,5
11. Galib Haddadin	... FITNEH	Owner	... Daybis	45,5

FOURTH RACE — 5:00 p.m.
FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 2,000 METRES

1. Bahjat Fanous	... ALTAMRI	Owner	... Mousa	58
2. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	... J. AMMAN	Ibrahim	... Ibrahim	54
3. Khalil Burkan	... BUSHRAN	Marmar	... Mikhail	54
4. Tawfiq Ksous	... KWAIES	Marmar	... Salah	54
5. Tawfiq Ksous	... AL HABBAB	Marmar	... Deeb	51

FIFTH RACE — 5:30 p.m.
FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Abdallah Alhimlan	... T. ALHABIB	Owner	... Fawwaz	59
2. Bahjat Fanous	... A. ALHAWA	Owner	... —	59
3. Bahjat Fanous	... S. ALMIDAN	Owner	... Salah	57
4. Wassef Bisharat	... FRANK	Bilon	... Mikhail	57
5. Sami Yaqoub	... HILDA	Kamal	... Mousa	55,5
6. H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser	... SINDAH	Ibrahim	... Atia	50
7. H.H. Sharif Hussein Ibn Naser	... BAHAR	Ibrahim	... Ibrahim	50

SIXTH RACE — 6:30 p.m.
FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. H.H. Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser	... S. ALBOLAD	Ibrahim	... Ibrahim	52
2. Sami Yaqoub	... FAWWAR	Kamal	... Mousa	50
3. Richard Shwairi	... GADI	Owner	... Daybis	50
4. Youssef Kittaneh	... NASSAF	Marmar	... Salah	50
5. Youssef Kittaneh	... AREEN	Marmar	... —	50
6. Samir Farkouh	... NAHLAWI	Marmar	... Mikhail	48
7. Mazen S. Lailas	... AJAB	Marmar	... Deeb	45

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An unusually good time for making unusual changes and for doing whatever is your particular aptitude in the most modern, unusual manner possible.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get together with good friends who can help you get ahead faster.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handling vocational and credit affairs well is important now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Good day to seek out new places and meet people.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Good time for coming to a better understanding with loved one or mate via some thoughtful act.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to help partners and come to a better understanding with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get that work done that improves your position in life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Finish a project you have started before going out with congenials.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your home and make necessary improvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can get the information you need, but be careful not to step on the toes of others in the doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find a better way of adding to present abundance for a more secure future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Good time to express new ideas and fine talents which you possess and become more successful thereby.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Update your method for handling routine matters and get better results.

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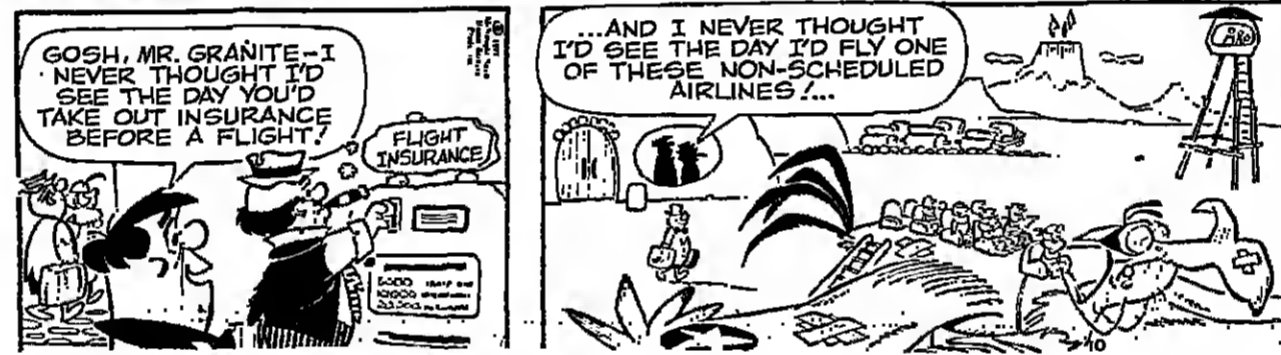
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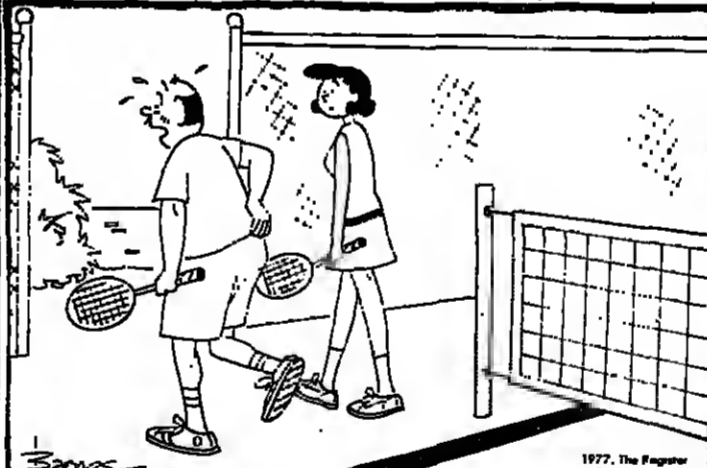


LAUGHS FROM EUROPE

DRY CLEANERS



THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



PROVERB

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, but usually only because of inaccessibility.

GORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES B. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF © 1976, The Chicago Tribune

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠A54 ♥7 ♦AQJ ♣K107642 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♦ Pass ? What action do you take?

A.—Pass. This hand has all the marks of a misfit, so get out of the auction as quickly as possible. Don't even consider two no trump. Even if partner has a reasonable hand, you will have no source of tricks should he turn up with a singleton club.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠AQ1053 ♥K872 ♦95 ♣63 The bidding has proceeded: East South West North Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dblic. 3 ♦ ? What action do you take?

A.—Partner's values seem to be concentrated in the majors, so your hand should provide a good play for game. A bid of three spades would be woefully inadequate and we would not ensure a jump to four spades. However, the hand might play better in hearts. You can give partner a choice of the majors by cue-bidding four diamonds.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠J♥Q873 ♦AK6 ♣A10962 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥ Pass ? What do you bid now?

A.—Your hand has begun to look very heartish, and a jump to four hearts won't do it full justice. For the moment, we suggest a temporary "reverse" of three diamonds, intending to raise hearts on the next round. That should give partner a good picture of our hand.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable: as South you hold: ♠A93 ♥Q85 ♦106 ♣J9652 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1NT Pass ? What action do you take?

A.—Pass. We have been known to raise to two no trump with 7 points and a five-card suit, but we do like our suit to be rather more substantial. Unless partner has a good club fit, he may never get to enjoy our long clubs.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠KQ6 ♥K6 ♦A7 ♣AQ10873 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass ? What do you bid now?

A.—It is a choice between a rebid of two no trump and a jump to three clubs. Though we are, in theory, a point short for two no trump, our long suit adequately compensates for that shortcoming. And, despite the fact that we have a six-card suit, our hand is really balanced, so the stoppers in the unbid suits sway our decision.

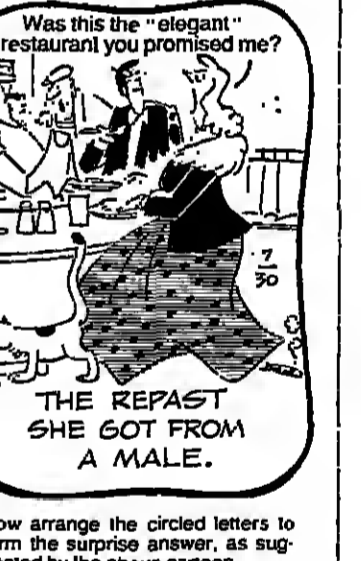
Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠AQ9853 ♥7 ♦AJ63 ♣AK The bidding has proceeded: East South West North 3 ♦ 4 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass ? What do you bid now?

A.—Seven spades. To pass now would be the height of cowardice. Partner cannot have less than the king of spades and ace of hearts for his leap to slam. Also, he cannot have two diamond losers, for with a doubleton diamond he would have bid only five spades, inviting you to go on to slam if you held a control in diamonds.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words DEBAK, YEHM, WALLOH, and CATTIN. Below the grid are instructions to print the answer here and a box for the answer.



Answers tomorrow: Yesterday's Jumbles: POUND DOUBT JINGLE NESTLE Answer: The exercise of your choice—AN OPTION

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of words and a solution for yesterday's puzzle.

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During Harold Wilson's premiership Callaghan faces storm after reports allege P.M.'s No. 10 bugged

LONDON, July 29 (R). — British Prime Minister James Callaghan today fended off a storm about security at his official residence with an assurance to parliament that he was satisfied with the arrangements there.

The trouble was touched off with a press allegation that former Premier Sir Harold Wilson believed the house, No. 10 Downing Street, was bugged during his term of office.

Mr. Callaghan, responding to

a question in parliament by opposition Conservative leader Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, said "I am quite satisfied with the arrangements at No. 10 and what is going on in the security service."

The allegations were made in an exclusive story in the rightwing Daily Express, which said investigations had established that during Sir Harold's eight years in office the house was bugged several times.

Mr. Callaghan said there was very little hard fact in the allegations, but added that if anyone had information about the affair and told the authorities the matter would be

looked into.

Informed sources said Mr. Callaghan, who spent nearly three hours in a cabinet meeting on the Common Market today, had not been in touch with Sir Harold since the Daily Express story broke.

According to the Daily Express, Sir Harold has revealed that he believes certain officials in M.I. 5, the counter-espionage organisation, suspected the existence of a communist "cell" in his government.

Mr. Wilson was Prime Minister from 1964 until 1970, and again from 1974 until he resigned and handed the reins of power to Mr. Callaghan two years ago.



SETTLEMENT — An Israeli soldier with an automatic rifle poses for the camera on Thursday near Qaddim (background on top of the hill). The Jewish settlement of Qaddim on the Israeli-occupied West Bank was given official recognition by Premier Menachem Begin's government on Wednesday. (AP wirephoto)

Thousands greet Bhutto as he arrives back home

ISLAMABAD, July 29 (Agencies). — Former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, ousted by an army coup earlier this month, was welcomed by several thousand people when he arrived at his home in the southern town of Larkana today.

Supporters showered him with petals as he drove in procession the 29 kms. from the airport after arriving by special plane.

The 49-year-old ex-premier was released by the army along with other leading politicians yesterday after 24 days of protective custody following the coup on July 5.

He and the 15 others had been held at an official government residence in the summer hill resort of Mufreez, northeast of here.

Mr. Bhutto was due to be joined in Larkana by his wife and family who have lived in Karachi during his detention.

But sources close to the family said Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto was ill and the plans had been cancelled.

Mr. Bhutto, who declined an army offer of protection, has still not said whether he will contest elections that the army is organising for October.

He said last night he would spend a few days in Larkana before visiting Karachi and Lahore and summoning an executive committee meeting of his Pakistan People's Party.

His opponents in the nine-party Pakistan National Alliance, who were also dispersing today, have called a meeting in Lahore for Aug. 7.

Mr. Bhutto said in an interview with Reuters last night that the present crisis in Pakistan was as big as that in 1971 during the secession of Bangladesh and the war with India.

The military intervention in Pakistan — this is the third martial law government in its 30-year history — had weakened national unity, he said.

Mr. Bhutto, who appeared confident though more subdued than usual, added that he had pledged not to question the army's justification for the coup either in the election campaign or otherwise.

But Mr. Bhutto told Reuters: "The key to the national crisis remains in my hands."

"You will see as time passes that, no matter how the dice are loaded against me, the people are with me."

The July 5 coup followed four months of post-election political unrest in Pakistan which claimed some 350 lives.

Opponents of Mr. Bhutto claimed he had rigged a general election which brought it back to power.

Army Chief-of-Staff Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq has said new elections would be held in October under army supervision and has promised to free detained politicians to prepare their campaigns.

Mr. Bhutto said he was confident about his future despite what he called a campaign of filth, slander and vicious nonsense launched against him since the coup.

The former premier said he had told General Zia-ul-Haq he would like to face a tribunal and vindicate himself.

The nine-party Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) announced in Karachi today that it plans to contest the general elections in October as a single group.

Tass decries Swedish court sentence on hijacker

MOSCOW, July 29 (R). — The Soviet Union today decried a four-year jail sentence passed by a Swedish court on a Russian hijacker as "inordinately mild" and said it constituted an invitation to other potential hijackers.

The government news agency Tass also renewed allegations that the Swedish authorities committed an unfriendly act by refusing to extradite the hijacker, Mr. Vasily Sosnovsky, 37, whom it described as an "invertebrate criminal."

Mr. Sosnovsky was convicted on Wednesday of hijacking a twin-engine Antonov AN-24 of the Soviet airline Aeroflot to Stockholm last May, while it was on a flight within Soviet Latvia.

He forced the pilot to divert by pretending a package of newspapers he held under his coat was a bomb. But the Swedish court, in sentencing him to four years jail noted that no damage was done to the plane and none of the passengers was harmed.

Tass said the court was apparently influenced by reports in Sweden and elsewhere in the West who portrayed Mr. Sosnovsky as a man seeking political asylum in the West.

Cyrus Vance sets off on Middle East tour on Sunday

WASHINGTON, July 29 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance sets off next week to persuade Israel and the Arabs back to the negotiating table in Geneva, but the main hurdle remains Palestinian representation.

Israel opposes any formal Palestinian representation at the talks but would accept a Palestinian voice cloaked behind the name-plates of other Arab participants.

And whatever the differences between Arabs and Israelis

over the shape of the final settlement, both sides are anxious to resume the talks which have been in limbo since 1973.

As a result, U.S. policy has shifted in favour of getting the negotiations restarted instead of seeking substantive agreements in advance.

Mr. Vance leaves on Sunday on a six-nation tour taking to Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia before ending in Israel on Aug. 9.

The latest U.S. priority has been hailed as "entirely realistic" by Mr. Joseph Sisco, who was chief Middle East adviser to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Sisco, who returned from Middle East talks recently, told reporters yesterday that Egypt, Syria and Jordan wanted to return to Geneva.

But he was not optimistic about the conference starting before early next year and forecast it would be "very extended."

The main stumbling block, as President Carter acknowledged yesterday, is the Palestinian issue.

Israeli Premier Menachem Begin has ruled out the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation because its aim is "to destroy our country and to destroy our people."

President Carter said the U.S. also opposed Palestinian representation "until the Palestinian leaders adopt the position that Israel is a nation, that it will be a nation permanently, that it has a right to live in peace."

Arab diplomats in Washington have suggested that such a conversion by the PLO is a possibility though some U.S. officials remain sceptical.

"They approached that bridge and wouldn't cross it," Mr. Sisco said. "I don't see a change in PLO policy in the near future."

Mr. Begin has, however, said the Palestinians could join in the talks as part of the Jordanian delegation providing they were not known as PLO members.

A number of Arab countries have supported the idea of a joint all-Arab delegation but Israel has remained wary of any attempt to get the PLO into the conference by the "back door".

Alternative solutions being canvassed include the holding of a preparatory conference or having the negotiations in two stages.

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Ex-minister joins new Rhodesian rightist party

SALISBURY, July 29 (AFP). — A former cabinet minister and founder member of the ruling Rhodesian Front Party, Ian McLean, announced today he had resigned from the party because of its "nebulous stance and apparent lack of positive and meaningful direction."

Mr. McLean, a former Minister of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, said he had been offered a post as the interim divisional chairman of the Rhodesian Action Party (RAP), recently formed by rightwing dissidents of the ruling party.

Meanwhile, the RAP, in opening its campaign for the Aug. 31 elections, last night accused Prime Minister Ian Smith of intending to invite Africans into a "puppet government".

One of the RAP's leaders, Colin Barlow, told an audience of about 200 people here that his party "completely rejected" black majority rule.

Instead, he said, the party envisaged a philosophy of mutual respect and "community identity protection".

Mr. Barlow alleged that the ruling party caucus had been told by Mr. Smith that the "best man majority rule" in fact means "black majority rule".

He said Mr. Smith had told the caucus this meant "we could choose the black faces," and he challenged the prime minister to deny this.

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The one July night which New York women fear most

NEW YORK, July 29 (R). — Hundreds of policemen volunteered for extra duty today in an effort to catch a publicity-conscious killer stalking the streets of New York with a .33 calibre pistol.

Today marks the anniversary of the first murder by "Son of Sam", the name used by the unknown psychopath — and police fear he might want to celebrate.

In a letter the killer wrote to columnist Jimmy Breslin, he declared: "Tell me, Jim, what will you have for July 29... Sam's a thirsty lad and he won't let me stop killing until he gets his fill of blood."

"Son of Sam" has murdered five people and wounded six — mostly young brown-haired women apparently chosen at random — since his killing spree began on July 29 last year.

His usual method has been to stalk up to cars parked late at night in the darkened residential streets and fire with his Western-style pistol through the windows.

The killings have created something close to panic in vast areas of the city. Many women have changed the colour of their hair or had "it cut shorter, since the killer favours women with long brown hair.

Police admit they are still baffled as to the identity of the man who calls himself "Son of Sam" in notes left beside his victims or sent to newspapers.

Egypt jails 28 more for January's "riots"

CAIRO, July 29 (R). — A state security court in Alexandria yesterday jailed 28 people for two to 15 years hard labour for taking part in last January's food "riots" in Egypt, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

The agency said the 28 were also ordered to pay a total of one million Egyptian pounds (same sterling) towards damage to installations in Alexandria.

If they fail to pay the fines, they will be given additional time in prison, ranging from three months to three years, depending on their original sentences.

The court acquitted 148 people in the same case for lack of evidence, the agency reported.

At least 80 people were killed in the January violence.

Lanvin's fashions won the Paris show but there were plenty of other goodies

By Michelle Cooper

PARIS, July 29 (AFP). — Lanvin yesterday won the Golden Thimble, awarded twice-yearly to the season's most creative couturier.

The jury of 18 Parisian journalists gave Lanvin 12 votes and Yves Saint Laurent four, earning Lanvin the Winter 1977 Award.

The Golden Needle for originality was awarded to Serge Lepage with nine votes.

Apart from the award, from Yves Saint Laurent to Chanel to Guy Laroche, the Paris fashion houses all agree: the chic woman of next winter will be wearing a chopped-off overcoat called a Paletot (pronounced, roughly, pal-toe).

Saint Laurent's are in quilted oiled cloth, corduroy, velvet or tamsak and have a fairly boxy square-shouldered shape. One version comes complete with stiff shoulder boards which extend a couple of inches beyond the arm.

Chanel's paletots are in textured wools and tweeds and are eased away from the body by lateral panels over the hips, making room for the classic Chanel suit or a two-piece ensemble. The Guy Laroche paletot is sportier and fuller and is teamed with a suit in a coordinated, but not identical, pattern.

Paco Rabanne's "Punk" look

Leaving aside the paletot, the newest look to come out of this week's presentations of high fashion designs for next autumn and winter was from Paco Rabanne, who took the "Punk" rock fashion now making news on the streets of London and turned it into Punk couture.

Most authentic were the hairdos — crinkled and frizzed and making the wearer look like she had just been struck by lightning.

The most successful Punk design interpretation was a line of kimonos in figured black chiffon velvet, re-embroidered down the front and sleeves in a patchwork of gold and bright colours, Rabanne called it "sumptuous decadence".

Most eyes were on Yves Saint Laurent, however, and he also did not want for new ideas. Shifting his search for inspiration still further afield, he settled on the Orient this time. And despite the bulky quilted jackets and ankle-length trousers, the China Saint Laurent portrayed was not that of Mao but of the days of emperors and warlords.

But Saint Laurent had no single look which dominated all others. For example, he did a 19th century bustle in short and long dress versions and he also offered some of the most daring see-through bodices yet seen in haute couture.

He worked furs in many ways but had the most fun with entire individual fox pelts. One pelt was worn snug around the head for a monk's hood effect, with fox head and front legs resting on the left shoulder and black legs dangling across the right. Another version slung the pelt diagonally across the back from shoulder to hip, holding it in place with a jeweled bandolier strap across the chest. It may sound odd, but it looked ultra-chic.

Saint Laurent was especially fond of flounces. He mixed them in size and fabric on coats, capes, jackets and skirts, including a rich smoky velvet blouse edged in a satin ruffle of the same hue. Its coordinated purple-on-black print gown had a wide flounce at the hem.

Classic Chanel

Chanel remained more or less faithful to the look created by the late mademoiselle for suits such as the one in plum wool with a matching silk chiffon self-striped blouse. The classic look was given a new interpretation with the use of wool lace for a suit of many colours keyed to a fuchsia blouse.

Raven velvet was used for an evening suit highlighted by a silk crepe blouse embroidered delicately in gold. Another Chanel evening ensemble topped a beige-and-brown silk ensemble with a lush sabbellined beige silk trench coat.

Carven was the only other house presenting its made-to-order styles which resembled Chanel, with a wide variety of traditional suits. But some of Carven's suits were not so traditional — for example, the black velvet skirt and jacket which were removed to reveal a gold-toned paisley on black knickerbocker jumpsuit.

Laroche's lingerie look

Guy Laroche's best evening look resembled fine lingerie of white or crepe georgette, lace and tulle. Two satin gowns had high, almost severe bodices in front — and almost no backs at all. Another had a minimal lavender head across the bust, with a bare midriff showing above a green belt and lavender skirt. Since it's a winter design, Laroche covered it up with a lavender mink jacket.

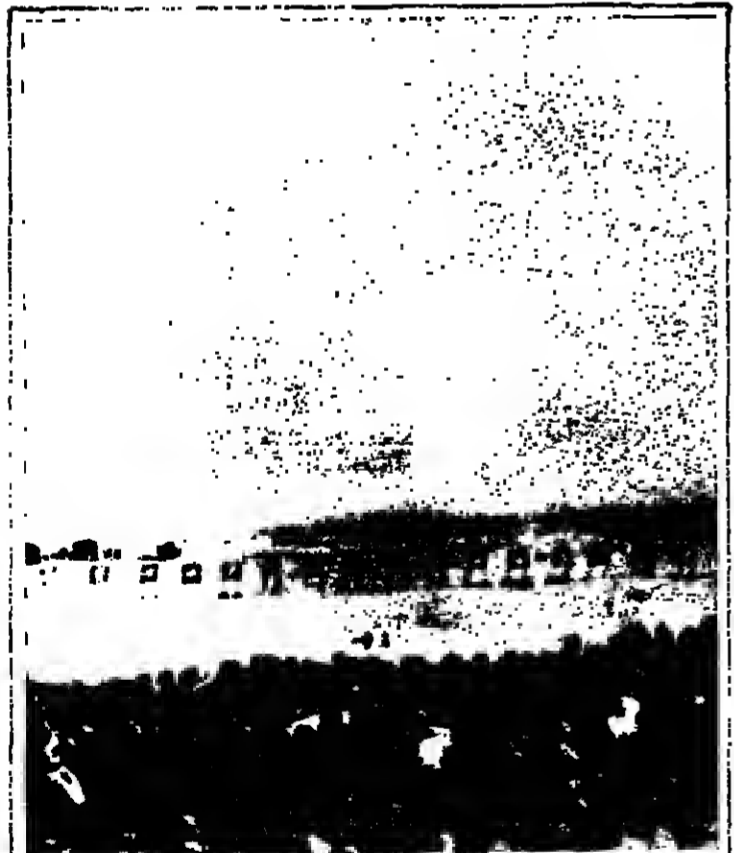
He also used a mink jacket by day with a misty green suede bouffant harem-skirt, knee-length, paired with a green-almond flannel shirt and

Laroche's favourite skirt or trousers — one could not quite be sure which — had cuffs at the knee but a fullness seen only in dresses. Fullness was also the keynote for a strong pink mohair coat flounced widely at the hem and accented by a lavender beret.

Paco Rabanne on the other hand made generous use of unabashedly fake fur coats, capes and giant shawls.

He, too, liked short harem pants, especially in black. About half of the Rabanne dresses were draped affairs to be worn in a variety of ways but always taking the greatest care to secure the various folds to avoid exposing more than is generally considered decent these days.

And of course Rabanne did not forget the metal accents which made the label famous. Little boleros and gilets of silver or gold brightened up simple gowns, and minute metal rings linked bands of lace on other garments.



CHINA'S H-BOMB — China's official New China News Agency released this picture with a caption saying it shows a successful test explosion of a hydrogen bomb. The agency did not say where the test was conducted nor give a date, but China apparently set off the nuclear blast after Chairman Hua Kuo-feng assumed his posts on Oct. 7, 1976. A slogan with the mushrooming cloud in the background and army soldiers in the foreground read: "Welcome with cheers the inauguration of Hua Kuo-feng as leader of the party and Liberation Army. The picture was made available in Tokyo on Wednesday. (AP wirephoto)

Soviet problem: Drunken shop staff

MOSCOW, July 29 (R). — Soviet authorities are being urged to bring in the breath test for shop staff following disclosures of widespread drunkenness behind the nation's counters.

The call for tougher measures against staff who prefer hitting the bottle to serving customers came from the weekly Literary Gazette, which reported on a spot survey conducted by a team of doctors using British breath test equipment.

In several shops they found that as many as half the sales personnel and other staff were drunk, it said.

Literary Gazette cited the case of a woman shopper who suffered a stroke after being insulted by a drunken butcher, and said there was no doubt that shop assistants who drank could be dangerous.

"Let us have trade inspectors who not only prevent the giving of short change and short weight, but also drive out the smell of drunkenness from the shops," it said.

The Soviet weekly suggested that experience gained by traffic police in the use of breathalysers could be extended to tackle the problem.

The survey was carried out at the suggestion of Literary Gazette in a large but unnamed Soviet town.

Although limited in scope, the findings suggested that ancillary staff like warehousemen and porters were the worst offenders, closely followed by butchers and those who sold vegetables, the report said.

Cashiers had the best record — all those tested were sober — and there was less drinking in self-service shops than elsewhere.

In one food shop the reserves were told by the manager that her staff were "angels".

The breath test indicated otherwise — five drunk, five sober.

One man blew the blood alcohol indicator clean off the dial, and later, sheepishly admitted to having drunk red wine, followed by vodka and then beer.

In another shop, where Literary Gazette said the score was also "fifty-fifty", the breath test equipment was accused of lying by a man who swore he never drank anything but mineral water.

When doctors asked him to close his eyes and touch the tip of his nose, he poked himself in the eye.

The most sober establishment in town was butcher's Shop Number 80, where all but one of the staff passed the breath test.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

- Joshua Nkomo shops for Cuban weapons**
* HAVANA, July 29 (R). — Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo has arrived in Cuba for an official visit which will last several days, diplomatic sources said. Mr. Nkomo, who held talks with Cuban President Fidel Castro in Luanda last March, has been reported as saying he would ask Cuba to help the nationalist guerrillas by supplying weapons but not soldiers. He was met at the airport here last night by Cuban Vice President Blas Roca, Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmejeny and other officials.
- Peru promised civilian rule in 3 years**
* LIMA, July 29 (R). — President Francisco Morales Bermudez has vowed that Peru will return to civilian rule in three years' time. Despite recent speculation that the army might postpone progress towards civilian rule indefinitely because of recent economic difficulties, President Morales said in an Independence Day speech yesterday the army would definitely hand over power to an elected government within three years. By the second half of next year a constituent assembly would be elected to draw up a new constitution, he said. The announcement appeared to be aimed at easing labour tensions. It came on the fifth day of a miners' strike and followed an illegal general strike last Tuesday in which over 100 labour leaders were arrested. Seventeen people are believed to have died in street clashes with security forces during the last six weeks. The armed forces took power in a bloodless coup in 1968 and launched a series of sweeping social reforms some of which, including land reform, will be written into the new constitution.
- Abba Eban lectures for Likud in U.S.**
* TEL AVIV, July 29 (R). — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban left here for London yesterday on his way to the United States on a lecture tour on behalf of the rightwing Likud government. Mr. Eban said Israeli public opinion was split over withdrawals and to creating a Palestine state in occupied territory was enough to allow him to promote a government he did not agree with.
- Christian churches discuss world issues**
* GENEVA, July 29 (R). — Churchmen representing some 40 million Christians yesterday began a nine-day meeting to discuss Christian attitudes to international, economic and social questions. Human rights, the arms race, Southern Africa and the role of multi-national corporations will all come under the scrutiny of the churchmen, who belong to the Central Committee of the Geneva-based World Council of Churches (WCC). The council links nearly 300 Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches in more than 70 countries. The Roman Catholic Church is not a member. The theme for this year's meeting of the WCC Central Committee is "Confessing Community".
- Health reportedly improved in West Bank**
* OCCUPIED RAMALLAH, July 29 (R). — A representative of the international Red Cross yesterday expressed satisfaction with the health situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Dr. Fred Alther said he had found great improvement in health and hospital services provided by the military government since his previous inspection tour two years ago. He made the remarks at a ceremony at Military Government Headquarters here at which he handed over a copy of the report to be presented later to the World Health Organisation.
- Accord defines U.S. use of Greek bases**
* ATHENS, July 29 (AFP). — The Greek-American defence agreement initiated here yesterday means that "American bases in Greece have in fact been abolished," a Greek government spokesman commented. The spokesman said the new agreement would mean that the U.S. would, henceforth, have facilities at four bases which will be under Greek control. These are Suda Bay, Heraklion on Crete, Hellinikon air base outside Athens and Makri telecommunication base near the Greek capital.

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